

**Title and Brief description
Of EPRP's Press Releases**

Title: EPRP STICKERS COVER ADDIS ABEBA ONCE AGAIN

Date : December 16, 2010

Brief Description: The press release describes that stickers calling for the intensification of the struggle against the Meles Regime have been posted at various sites in Addis Ababa, on December 11, 2010

Title: EPRP SUPPORTS THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF DJIBOUTI

Date: February 11, 2011

Brief Description : The press release states the EPRP's solidarity to the people of Djibouti who demonstrated against the regime of Omar Guled.

Title: EPRP HAILS THE PEOPLES OF EGYPT AND TUNISIA

Date: February 16, 2011

Brief Description: By releasing this press release EPRP extends its solidarity to the People of Tunisia and Egypt in their struggle to oust their respective dictatorial regimes.

Title: MARCH 8/2011: International Women's Day

Date: March 8, 2011

Brief Description: In memory of the International Women's Day the press release high lights the miserable condition in which Ethiopian women find themselves.

Title: STOP THE FORCED RESETTLEMENT AND VILLAGIZATION IN ETHIOPIA

Date: March 18, 2011

Brief Description: The press release exposes the forced resettlement and repatriation of thousands of peoples by the dictatorial regime of Meles Zenawi in various parts of the country.

Title: APRIL 1972-APRIL 2011. 39 YEARS OF CONTINUED STRUGGLE\

Date: April 2011

Brief Description: On the eve of the 39th anniversary of the founding of EPRP the press release briefly chronicles and assesses the achievements and challenges that the party passed through during its 39 years of its existence.

Title: CONDEMN THE BRUTAL EXTORTION OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE

Date: April 20, 2011

Brief Description: The press release objects the forced extortion and imposed levy of the brutal regime of Meles Zenawi to build the so-called millennium dam.



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EPRP STICKERS COVER ADDIS ABEBA ONCE AGAIN

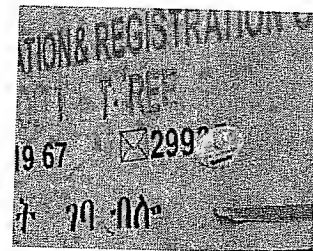
On Saturday, December 11, EPRP stickers proclaiming Long Live the EPRP and calling for the intensification of the struggle against the Meles regime have been posted in Addis Abeba. Previously in early September many parts of Addis Abeba were also covered by such yellow colored stickers.

This time around the stickers decorated walls, electric poles, billboards, cars and buses, telecommunications posts and public telephone booths in the following ares of Addis Abeba:

- Piazza
- Merkato or New Market
- Megenagna
- Gulele
- On the road from Meshualekia to Sarris
- Haya Hulete
- Ferensaye and Bela
- 4,5, and 6 kilos area

A mobilized security force of the ruling regime removed some of the stickers on the same day but others stayed for a few days more. The stickers pass the message that the EPRP is amongst the people strengthening its clandestine structure and engaged in heightening the struggle against the repressive regime.

The struggle continues!



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**EPRP SUPPORTS THE STRUGGLE
OF THE PEOPLE OF DJIBOUTI**

The mass uprising that started out in Tunisia and spread to many Arab countries seems to have reached Djibouti too as students and the people recently demonstrated against the dictatorial regime of Omar Gelleh. The EPRP, in solidarity with people struggling for their rights and democracy, fully backs the people of Djibouti and calls on them to unite in the struggle to oust the dictator and put an end to his ethnic discriminatory regime.

Omar Gelleh, who has taken part in the illegal land grab in Ethiopia (at Bishoftu/Debre Zeit and in Bale, has been heading a sold out and repressive regime in Djibouti and is presently preparing to take part in a third term election much in opposition to his own Constitution. From the Issa clan and born in Dire Dawa (Ethiopia), Omar Gelleh and his family and close friends have oppressed the people of Djibouti (both Issas and Afars) to no end. The French Foreign Legion stationed in the land is now supplemented by a thousand or so American Marines stationed in Camp Lemonnier and dozens of German and Japanese troops. Gelleh has also given permission to the notorious private security firm Blackwater to use Djibouti as a naval base. An armed rebellion is strengthening itself in the North under the leadership of the Front for the Restoration of Unity and Democracy (FRUD). It is to be noted that Gelleh's regime has deported hundreds of Ethiopian refugees back to Ethiopia and allied itself with the anti people gang of Meles Zenawi to work against the interests of the people of the Horn in general.

The EPRP, actively struggling to put an end to the Meles regime, expresses its solidarity with the peoples of Djibouti and calls upon them to intensify the struggle for final victory over the Omar Gelleh regime.

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EPRP HAILS THE PEOPLES OF EGYPT AND TUNISIA!

EPRP joins the peoples of Tunisia and Egypt to express its sincere joy in the success of the first stage of their popular revolutions. The ouster of Ben Ali and Hosni Mubarak is reverberating all over the Middle East, in the Sudan and Djibouti as well, and heralds a wind of change and revolution in the whole of Africa too. Mabruk indeed! Inkuan des Alachihu!

The popular revolutions are, like the February Revolution of 1974, the fruits of years of organized and spontaneous struggles. Ben Ali and Mubarak and their wives and families fleeced Tunisia and Egypt respectively and relied on their security apparatus and the army to crush all dissidence. Both regimes were, like the existing repressive regime in Ethiopia, backed to the hilt by the USA, France and the West. The peoples' aspiration for democracy and justice were ignored or, even worse, countered with brutal repression. However, no amount of repression can forever stifle the yearning for democracy and liberation on the part of the people. Now that the tyrants have been removed the peoples of Tunisia and Egypt are obliged to be vigilant and to continue the struggle to final victory (the establishment of genuine people's democracy) by avoiding the theft of their victory by any local or foreign force. The Mubarak and Ben Ali systems should be dismantled. In Ethiopia, the revolution of February 1974 was short circuited by a populist military regime that stayed in power for 17 bloody years of terror against the people. The EPRP is certain that the peoples of Tunisia and Egypt will block such an outcome and frustrate the maneuvers of foreign puppets suddenly turned democrats.

As the EPRP struggles to bring a decisive revolution on the head of the Meles Zenawi regime it hails with joy the victories of the peoples of Tunisia and Egypt and calls on the peoples of the Middle East and Africa to rise up for their rights and to establish democratic systems.

Victory to the oppressed peoples of the World

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MARCH 8/2011: International Women's Day

The celebration of the International Women's Day on March 8 sadly highlights the miserable condition in which Ethiopian Women find themselves in suffering from both the perennial status quo of male domination and the chauvinistic rule by a repressive dictatorship.

The dictatorial regime of Meles Zenawi has paid lip service to the liberation of women while assuring its totalitarian control over the autonomous organizations of women. Moreover, it has brazenly engaged in the spread of child prostitution, trafficking of young women especially to the Middle East and the perpetuation of harmful traditions and sale of children. Propaganda aside, the majority of Ethiopian women are in a worse situation than they ever were before while the wife of the dictator and other pampered women of the ruling clique use their so called NGOs to embezzle money in the name of the majority of women and their cause. Thousands of women suffer modern slavery conditions in Lebanon and other Middle Eastern countries. Many refugee women suffer because they have been denied asylum and human rights by governments ranging from that of Norway to that of Libya and the EU countries.

Any society that does not respect the rights of women is not a free society. In Ethiopia the majority of women have little or no rights. Rural women suffer from absolute denial of rights by the male dominated society and by the dictatorial regime. Preteen girls and young women are subjected to all types of harassment, rape and denigration. All this is directly connected to the system in place that has exposed women to a degraded status that we, as we observe March 8, are forced to castigate, condemn and to call for the respect of the rights of Ethiopian women.

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STOP THE FORCED RESETTLEMENT AND VILLAGIZATION
IN ETHIOPIA

The repressive regime of Meles Zenawi in Ethiopia has surreptitiously resorted to forced resettlement and villagization of thousands of people as it pursues its condemnable policy of leasing out land cheaply to foreign firms and countries.

In the eighties the forced resettlement and villagization of thousands of Ethiopians as part of a strategy to defeat anti government forces led to incredible misery and disruption of the lives of the people. As a result, the Mengistu regime was roundly condemned by the world at large. The Meles regime is deemed a friend of the West and thus his crimes are glossed over and his anti people policies ignored. Enjoying such a cover, it has continued with promoting the disastrous land grab drive by Indians, Chinese, and Arab so called investors in Ethiopia and allowed them to cause ecological disaster. Ethiopian fertile land is handed over cheap for many years and local people are pushed out of their land and forced to resettle elsewhere and the condemned villagization of the past is being revived. This should be condemned with no reservation.

What is going in Ethiopia is outright land confiscation. Peasants are being ousted from their land. Even in the urban cities and towns including Addis Abeba Ethiopians are being forced to cede their homes /land cheaply. In the rural areas, natural reserves and conserved forests have been given to foreign firms that have felled the trees and are engaged in farming for export. This is criminal at least and needs all round condemnation. Forced resettlement is a crime as is forced villagization that is within the policy of totalitarianism. EPRP condemns this anti people act by the Meles regime and vows to fight against the resettlement and villagization measures of the repressive Meles regime.

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APRIL 1972-APRIL 2011

39 YEARS OF CONTINUED STRUGGLE

The EPRP was established by a founding congress that lasted from April 2-April 9/ 1972 with the declared aim of fighting for democracy and popular people's government. Since that period, the EPRP has continued to struggle for democracy and the rule of law in Ethiopia.

Outlawed by three consecutive regimes (that of Emperor Haile Selassie, of Mewngistu Haile Mariam and the present one of the TPLF led by Meles Zenawi), the EPRP has been forced from the outset to struggle as a clandestine party. When the popular February 1974 Revolution erupted, the EPRP was not yet strong enough to assume the mantle of leadership but it quickly joined the upsurge and gave the popular protest content and depth. When the military officers short circuited the Revolution and assumed power in 1974, the EPRP successfully led the people's peaceful struggle for the formation of a broad based provisional popular government. The demand for this popular rule and democracy was not to the liking of the authoritarian officers and it was not long before the Mengistu regime launched a campaign of murder against EPRP members all over the country. Historical records show that the EPRP was forced to resort to self defense actions in the urban areas after the violence against it made it untenable to continue to struggle peacefully. The military regime, aided and backed by the Soviet bloc, launched the notorious Red Terror against the party and caused the brutal deaths of no less than 250,000 people, most of them supporters and members of the EPRP.

The EPRP waged armed struggle against the Mengistu regime from the seventies up to its fall in 1991. It had also to withstand the military attacks of the Tigray front (TPLF now in power) for many years. The TPLF and its allies marched on Addis Abeba after waging war against the EPRP in Gondar and Gojjam. Many leaders of the EPRP have been disappeared by the TPLF, others killed in Addis Abeba and other places and up to now the TPLF/EPRDF repression unleashed against the EPRP continues. In all instances, be it during the period of the 1974 Revolution or the takeover of power by the Tigrean front, the EPRP had made it clear it would struggle peacefully and legally if democratic rights

and the rule of law were respected. However, the regimes have chosen to outlaw the EPRP and persecute it precisely because it has vast following and is multi-ethnic by composition and progressive/social democratic by ideological persuasion. The EPRP continues to clandestinely struggle against the ruling regime of Meles Zenawi, has broadcast to Ethiopia a radio program for more than a decade, organized people in various ways, allied with other groups to form united fronts (COEDF and UEDF are examples) and has now cells and structures in almost all regions of the country.

Like the Mengistu regime, the Meles group tries to deny the existence of the EPRP while betraying its anxiety by setting up a special anti EPRP directorate within its security apparatus, by trying to neutralize “former” EPRP members and waging a proxy propaganda war against it. Sudan has aided and abetted the regime by deporting EPRP members (refugees) who have consequently been disappeared by the TPLF. Numerous people have over the years and as recently as last year have been apprehended on suspicions of being linked to the EPRP but this has neither been confirmed or denied by the organization. The struggle continues and the EPRP has made it clear recently (through agitation actions like leaflet distribution, etc.) that it is intensifying its struggle against the ruling front. 39 years of hard and difficult struggle, a fight for democracy that has demanded immense suffering and sacrifice. Not all have walked the long walk the party has suffered internal problems and betrayal but it has surmounted all and continued the struggle. A youth wing of the party (Wekind/EPRPY) is now active both in Ethiopia and abroad taking up the banner.

As we observe the 39th year of the formation and struggle of the EPRP it is with the determination to continue the struggle for democracy and popular sovereignty and with the recognition of the sacrifice paid by our martyrs and being paid by those in the various prisons and refugee camps.

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CONDEMN THE BRUTAL EXTORTION
OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE

It is outright extortion and daylight robbery and fleecing. The brutal Meles Zenawi regime has used the building of the so called Millennium Dam on the Nile as a cover to bleed the people of Ethiopia for more cash at the very time they had to endure a 25% inflation and price rise on food prices.

At issue is not whether the dam to be built at 80 billion Birr (4.7 billion US dollars) is worth the effort or not. At issue is not even the hue and cry by Egypt that greedily wants almost most of the water of the Nile for itself. The core of the problem is that Ethiopia has not yet enjoyed adequate and regular electric supply after the building of four major dams (Tana Beles, Tekezie, Gilgel Gibe 1 and 2) and the near completion of Gilgel Gibe III. The regime is selling power to neighboring countries and pocketing the money into its corrupt coffers. The issue with the new dam to be built on the Nile is that it costs 80 billion Birr and the people are being forced to pay for it. The same people that are suffering under heavy inflation and a 25% rise in the price of basic necessities, a 40% rise in the rate of electric power and who are forced to bear a recent increase in the price of petrol. Moreover, some 12 million Ethiopians still depend on food aid from outside and the majority of Ethiopians earn less than US \$2 per day.

The callous regime has copied its totalitarian predecessor and declared all forced payments as voluntary contributions. It is daylight robbery par excellence. All civil servants are forced to pay their month's salary. Students have been ordered to pay up or leave school. In Woldiya, Wollo, students have already been told their quota: tenth grade students have to pay forty Birr, all 7th grade students 10 Birr and all second grade students 2 Birr. The food budget of even prisoners has been slashed and the official media ordered to present this as the prisoners' voluntary contribution for the dam. The State appointed head of the Orthodox Church has ordered all churches to buy at least

30 milion Birr worth of bond to finance the dam. And so and so on. The robbery is intensified. The propaganda machine is active. The forced extortion and imposed levy is in evidence for all to see and the so called Millennium dam appears as a curse, a diversion, a ploy, a means for the regime yet again to steal money from the people and the country. And this is what the EPRP continues to condemn with vigor even if the whole thing may end up being the last straw and to provoke the mass protest that will herald the end of the anti people regime.

Condemn the levy and extortion imposed on the people of Ethiopia!

Support the struggle of the people for their rights and a democratic system!

Down with tyranny and oppression!

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